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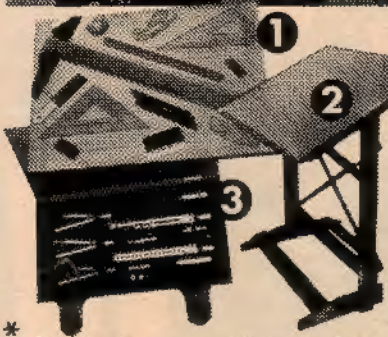

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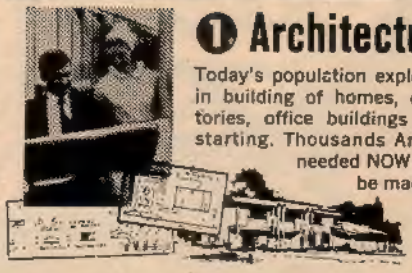

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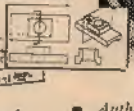

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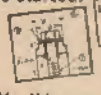

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WHOOOSH!
SURE FEELS GOOD TO WALK DOWN A QUIET STREET! MESA CITY IS A RIGHT NICE TOWN! AND THE BEST THING IS THAT I'M NOT WANTED IN THIS TERRITORY!
THAT SOUND! LIKE A KNIFE CUTTIN' THE AIR!
LET'S GIT OUTTA HERE, MAUDE! SOMEBODY'S THROWIN' KNIVES!
SOMEBODY GIT THE SHERIFF!
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THAT KNIFE WAS THROWN FROM DOWN HERE!
WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON THE HOMBRE THAT THREW IT...
THERE HE IS! GETTIN' ONTO HIS HORSE!
AND, A MOMENT LATER, THE KID WATCHES HIS ASSAILANT RIDE OFF...
THE WAY HE'S TRAVELIN', I'LL NEVER CATCH UP WITH HIM NOW! SURE WISH I KNEW WHY HE WAS AFTER ME!
ALRIGHT! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
YOU MUST BE THE SHERIFF! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!
WAL, I'M NOT GLAD TO SEE YOU! WE DON'T COTTEN TO STRANGERS IN THIS TOWN--SPECIALLY WHEN THEY BRING TROUBLE WITH 'EM!
A MAN DOESN'T THROW A KNIFE WITHOUT A REASON! NOW YOU TELL ME THAT REASON--QUICK! SAY, DON'T I KNOW YOU?
HE RECOGNIZES ME! AND FROM THE TONE IN HIS VOICE, I'D SAY THERE'S GOING TO BE NO WAY TO CONVINCE HIM THAT I'M NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!
YOU'RE THE RAWHIDE KID! I GOT A REWARD POSTER WITH YOUR FACE SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT WANTED IN THIS TERRITORY--AND I CAN'T LEGALLY ARREST YA! BUT TAKE MY ADVICE AND GET OUT OF MESA CITY!
REALIZING THERE IS NO WAY TO ARGUE WITH THIS OVER-ZEALOUS LAWMAN, RAWHIDE TURNS TO LEAVE...
WHATEVER YOU SAY, SHERIFF! JUST LET ME FETCH MY HAT, AND I'LL BE GONE!
YUH BETTER MAKE TRACKS, BEFORE I THINK UP SOME REASON TO THROW YUH INTO THE HOOSEGOW!
THEN, SECONDS LATER, AS THE KID RETRIEVES HIS HAT...
WHAT'S THIS? THERE'S A NOTE ON THIS KNIFE BLADE!
LOOKS LIKE THAT HOMBRE DIDN'T WANT MY HIDE--HE JUST WANTED TO DELIVER A MESSAGE!
WITH THE SHERIFF WATCHING ME, I CAN'T READ THIS NOW! BETTER GET OUTTA TOWN FIRST...
AND DON'T LET ME CATCH YUH IN MESA CITY AGAIN!
THE WAY EVERYBODY STARES AT ME--YOU'D THINK I'D GET USED TO THAT LOOK--BUT I GUESS I NEVER WILL! NOT UNTIL I CLEAR MY NAME, AND CAN RIDE LIKE A FREE MAN!
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THEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE KID STOPS UNDER A TREE TO READ THE NOTE...
'PEARS LIKE SOMEBODY WANTS TO TALK TO ME! SURE WISH THEY'D USE A LITTLE FRIENDLIER FORM OF COMMUNICATION, THOUGH!
COME TO HUNGRY-HORSE MESA TONIGHT AT MOONRISE!
AND, THAT NIGHT, AS THE MOON SLOWLY RISES ABOVE THE MESA...
I SHOULDN'T KEEP THIS APPOINTMENT! BUT MY CURIOSITY HAS GOT THE BEST OF ME!
C'MON, BOY! LET'S RIDE!
IT'S A HARD, PERILOUS JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE MESA! BUT ONCE THERE, THE KID SEES...
A CAMPFIRE! RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF THE MESA!
THIS COULD BE A TRAP... BUT IF I'VE COME THIS FAR, I MIGHT AS WELL GO ALL THE WAY!
WELL, IF IT AIN'T THE RAWHIDE KID! I GUESS YUH GOT MUH MESSAGE!
I GOT YOUR MESSAGE, ALRIGHT! SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHO YOU ARE?
THE NAME'S GILA JOHNSON! MEBBE YUH HEARD OF ME?
SURE! YOU'RE WANTED FOR ROBBERY AND MURDER IN NEARLY EVERY TERRITORY IN THE WEST!
YEP! AND I'M RIGHT PROUD OF THAT REP! WASN'T BUILT OVERNIGHT, YUH KNOW! TAKES A LOT OF GUTS TO BE A REAL BAD MAN!
BUT, THAT AIN'T WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT! I WANT YUH TO JOIN UP WITH ME!
HAVE SOME COFFEE WHILE YUH THINK IT OVER!
I DON'T HAVE TO THINK ANYTHING OVER! WHEN I RIDE, I RIDE ALONE!
THIS IS ONE MIGHTY STRANGE HOMBRE! AND I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PLAY THE PART OF AN OUTLAW FOR HIM!
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D FEEL THAT WAY! OKAY, BOYS!
SUDDENLY, FROM BEHIND THE MESA, STEP GILA JOHNSON'S GANG...
LOOKS LIKE I'M IN A TOUGH SPOT! ONLY ONE CHANCE...
IT'S THIS WAY, KID-- EITHER YUH JOIN US OR YUH DIE!
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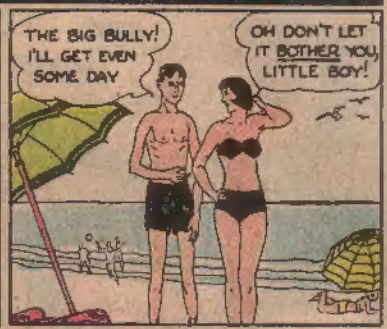
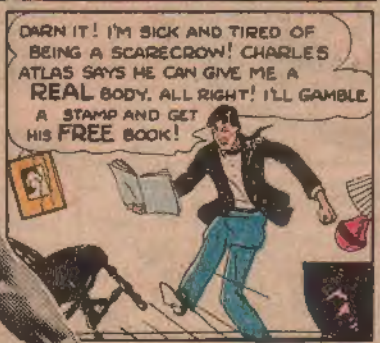
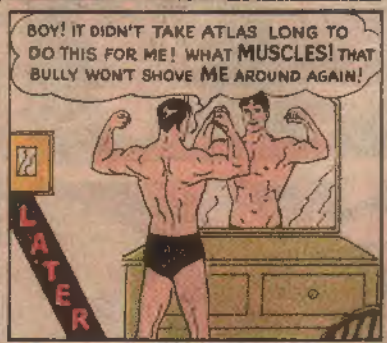
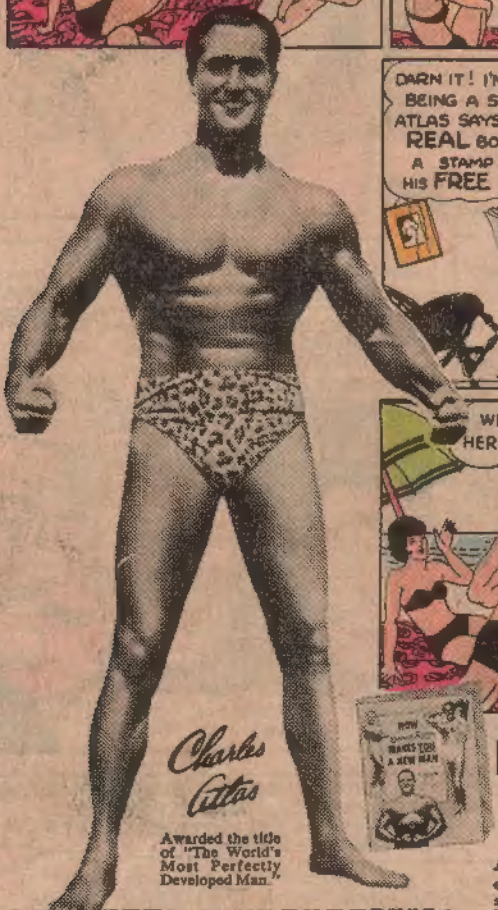
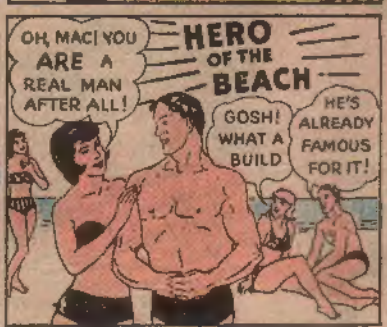
THE INSULT THAT MADE A MAN OUT OF MAC




DARN IT! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING A SCARECROW! CHARLES ATLAS SAYS HE CAN GIVE ME A REAL BODY. ALL RIGHT! I'LL GAMBLE A STAMP AND GET HIS FREE BOOK!







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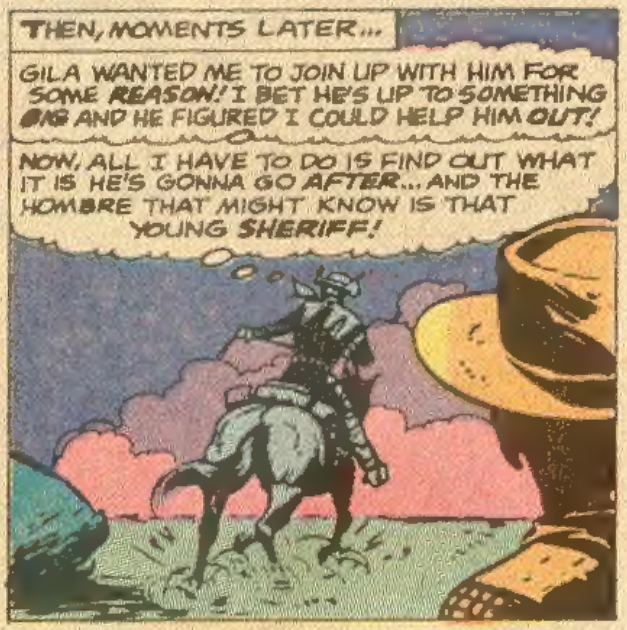
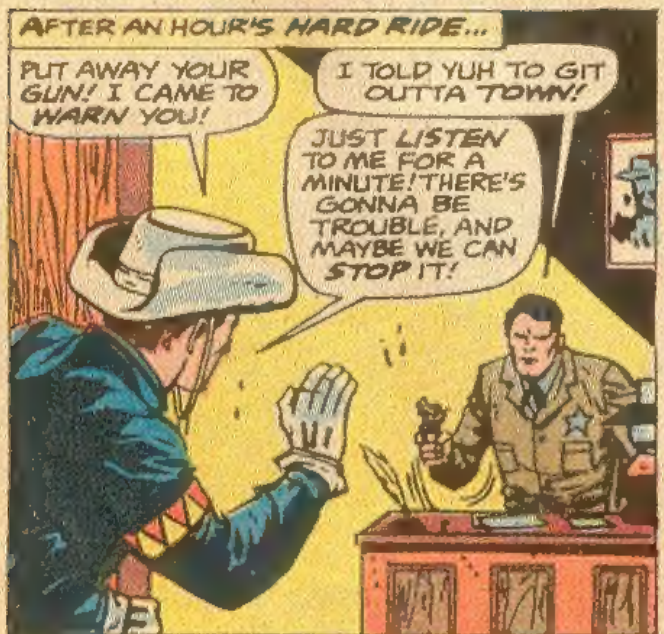
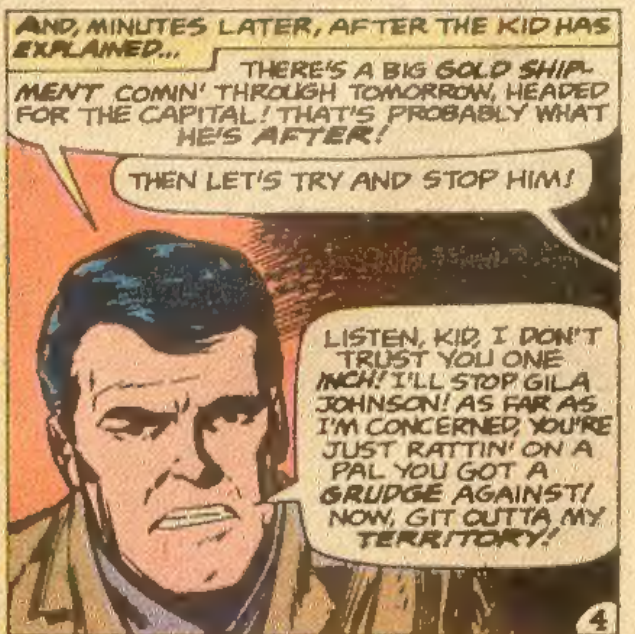
IF I CAN CAPTURE GILA, I CAN USE HIM AS A HOSTAGE AND GET OUT OF THIS JAM...
SHOOT 'IM!
WHA-?
NO! YUH MIGHT HIT THE BOSS!

AND, HIS MUSCLES TRAINED BY YEARS OF BATTLE, IT IS THE WORK OF BUT A MOMENT FOR THE KID TO GET THE DROP ON GILA JOHNSON...
OKAY, GILA, CALL OFF YOUR GANG!
HE'S GOT ME! PUT DOWN YOUR GUNS, YOU FOOLS!
NOW, GILA, GET THIS, AND GET IT STRAIGHT! I'M NOT JOININ' UP WITH YOU! TELL YOUR MEN TO LET ME RIDE AWAY FROM HERE, OR I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG AS HOSTAGE!

I'M A MAN OF MUH WORD--YOU GOT THE DROP ON ME, AND YOU CAN GO FREE--THIS TIME! BUT REMEMBER, I GAVE YUH YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN UP WITH ME! AND YUH TURNED IT DOWN!
AND IF I EVER SET EYES ON YUH AGAIN, I'M GONNA SHOOT, AND SHOOT TO KILL!


THEN, MOMENTS LATER...
GILA WANTED ME TO JOIN UP WITH HIM FOR SOME REASON! I BET HE'S UP TO SOMETHING BIG AND HE FIGURED I COULD HELP HIM OUT!
NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND OUT WHAT IT IS HE'S GONNA GO AFTER... AND THE HOMBRE THAT MIGHT KNOW IS THAT YOUNG SHERIFF!


AFTER AN HOUR'S HARD RIDE...
PUT AWAY YOUR GUN! I CAME TO WARN YOU!
I TOLD YUH TO GIT OUTTA TOWN!
JUST LISTEN TO ME FOR A MINUTE! THERE'S GONNA BE TROUBLE, AND MAYBE WE CAN STOP IT!


AND, MINUTES LATER, AFTER THE KID HAS EXPLAINED...
THERE'S A BIG GOLD SHIPMENT COMIN' THROUGH TOMORROW, HEADED FOR THE CAPITAL! THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT HE'S AFTER!
THEN LET'S TRY AND STOP HIM!
LISTEN, KID, I DON'T TRUST YOU ONE INCH! I'LL STOP GILA JOHNSON! AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE JUST RATTIN' ON A PAL YOU GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST! NOW, GIT OUTTA MY TERRITORY!

BUT, AN HOUR LATER, A DETERMINED RAWHIDE KID DIGS INTO A HASTILY PREPARED DINNER...
THAT SHERIFF IS TOO SUSPICIOUS TO TRUST ME TO HELP HIM! SO IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO HELP HIM ANYWAY!
WHEN GILA GOES AFTER THAT STAGE TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO BE ON HAND TO GO AFTER HIM!
AND, DAWN FINDS...
IF I WAS GILA JOHNSON, THIS BOTTLENECK WOULD BE A PERFECT PLACE TO AMBUSH THE STAGE!
AND THESE ROCKS MAKE A PERFECT PLACE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS! HERE COMES THE STAGE NOW! AND DANGED IF THAT ISN'T GILA AND HIS GANG OVER THAT WAY!
SHERIFF, ARMED MEN AHEAD!
I'M GOIN' INTO HIDIN'! YOU KEEP RIGHT ON DRIVIN'!
WE'LL GIVE THOSE OWLHOOTS A LITTLE SURPRISE!
ALRIGHT, THIS IS AS FAR AS YER GONNA GO! REIN IN THOSE HORSES!
THROW DOWN THAT TRUNK! THAT'S THE GOVERNOR'S GOLD SUPPLY, AND NOW IT'S OURS!
DROP THOSE GUNS, HOMBRES! YER UNDER ARREST!
HERE'S WHERE I GO INTO ACTION!
IT'S A BLASTED LAWMAN! GUN 'IM DOWN!
KRAK!
UHHHH! MUH ARM!
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GIT THAT TRUNK DOWN HERE, AND LET'S GIT GOIN'!
BOSS, SOMEBODY'S A COMIN'!
IT'S THAT DAD-RATTED RAWHIDE KID! SHOOT HIM OUTTA THE SADDLE!
LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE A FIGHT ON MY HANDS!
WELL, IT'S NOT THE FIRST, AND WITH LUCK IT WON'T BE MY LAST!

THEN, AS THE OUTLAWS TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO THE RAWHIDE KID...
I'M WOUNDED, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T STILL AIM A GUN!
WE'RE BEING BLASTED FROM TWO SIDES! LET'S GIT OUTTA HERE!
:UHHHHH!:
K-A-BLAM!

AND, MOUNTING THEIR STEEDS, THE OUTLAWS RIDE FOR THEIR VERY LIVES...
THERE THEY GO, THE YELLOW BELLIES! PROBABLY HEADIN' FOR THEIR HIDEOUT!
BUT THIS TIME THEY'RE NOT GONNA GET AWAY! LET'S RIDE, BOY!
BLAM! BLAM!

THERE GOES THE LAST OF MUH GANG! THE KID IS SURE A CRACK SHOT!
BUT HE'S STILL GOT ME TO TAKE CARE OF! AND I'LL GIVE HIM A RUN FER HIS MONEY! EVEN IF I AM OUT OF BULLETS!
:UHHHH!:

BUT, AS SOON AS THEY HIT THE GROUND, GILA SLITHERS OUT OF THE KID'S GRASP...
THEY DON'T CALL ME GILA FER NOTHIN'! WRESTLIN' IS MY SPECIALTY!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE SEEMED TO JUST SLIP FROM BETWEEN MY HANDS!

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PULSATING PRONOUNCEMENTS AND PERTINENT PROPAGANDA FROM THE PUNDITS WHO PLAY FOR FUN!

ITEM! No STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX this month, pilgrim! Turns out ol' Smiley feels he just about talked himself out last time around, with an awesome epistle which took up the length and breadth of the whole Bullpen page! Instead, our peerless new Publisher and erstwhile Editorial Director would prefer that we clue you in about some of the nifty new artists, writers, and phantasmagorical features we've got lined up for you this month and in the sun-splashed days to come! Ready? Then away we go. . . .

ITEM! Biggest bombshell of all is the first fantastic issue of a comic-mag called DOC SAVAGE, THE MAN OF BRONZE! Unless you've been hiding in the wilds of Borneo, you recognize that name instantly as belonging to the old-time pulp-magazine hero who's been more popular than ever these past few years, as the super-star of a series of Bantam paperbacks — more than sixty to date, and still going strong. And now, mighty Marvel will be chronicling some of his greatest adventures in comix form! Doc's first ish was scripted by our spanking-new Editor ROY THOMAS, and drawn by the wildly-acclaimed team of ROSS (Boss) ANDRU and Long JOHN SEVERIN — and we've got a hunch that this is gonna be one of the biggies, right up there with rapturously-received newcomers like HERO FOR HIRE, DRACULA, WEREWOLF BY NIGHT, and WARLOCK! So get in on the ground floor with DOC SAVAGE, hear — and no getting off till we reach the 86th floor! (And, an artful aside to forestall about a zillion letters — yep, we've got THE SHADOW lined up for the weeks to come, also — so put away that crystal ball and start saving up your shekels, perspicacious one!)

ITEM! We've got some other fabulous firsts lined up for you this time, as well — but we'll let you *read* about *them* in the Checklist section! Meanwhile, just to prove we really *mean* it when we say that Marvel is on the move again, we've been busy digging up some talented new artists and writers to boggle your mind! Want a feinstance or three? Well, try Far-Out FRANK BRUNNER, who teamed up with (ahem!) oldtimer BARRY SMITH on a recent Dr. Strange mini-saga, and who's slated for other things to boot! Then of course there's Roisterous RALPH REESE, who helped us launch our new JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY mag, now on sale; the Irreverent BILLY GRAHAM, who's polishing the pencils on the latest Luke Cage landmark; Madcap MIKE TRIMPE, who's been helping brother HERBIE splash India ink on the latest Ant-Man extravaganzas — and this doesn't even count "Duke" WAYNE BORING, one of comicdom's potent pioneers, whose recent Captain Marvel return marks his first (but hopefully not his last) outing for the House of Ideas! Nope, we're not putting the ROMITAS and the BUSCEMAS and the rest of the Bullpen out to pasture — far from it! Rather, we plan to combine the best of the "old" with the best of the "new" — as miraculous Marvel picks up steam-roller speed on its breakaway path to greatness! You come too. . . .

ITEM! You've probably noticed the name GEORGE ALEC EFFINGER popping up on a tale or two of late, and wondered who (or what) he is! Well, he's an old crony and colleague of none other than Merry GERRY CONWAY — and he's a talented fantasy author in his own right! If you don't believe us, just fail by your local bookstore, which should now be displaying George's first hardbound s-f novel, which has the unlikely title *What Entropy Means to Me*. (And if you think the title is way-out, wait'll you read the book itself!) Okay, G.A. — that's plug enough for one issue! Welcome aboard — but the first time you miss a deadline, we're gonna tell the whole wide world how you got the nickname "Piglet"! 'Nuff said?

ITEM! And, if the rest of you wanna know what else STAN, ROY, and the Bullpen Gang have in store for you — sneak a peek at the snappy subliminal-type messages we've sprinkled around the various mags this month! Getting there is half the fun, Flame-Keeper! Peace!

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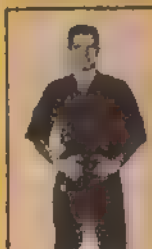

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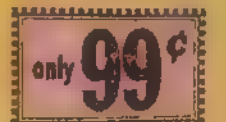

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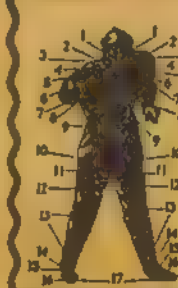

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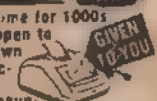

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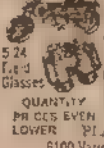

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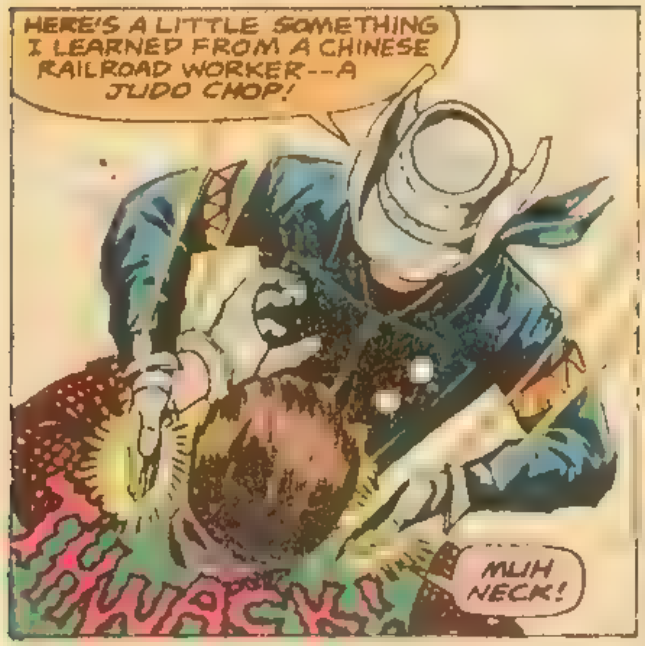
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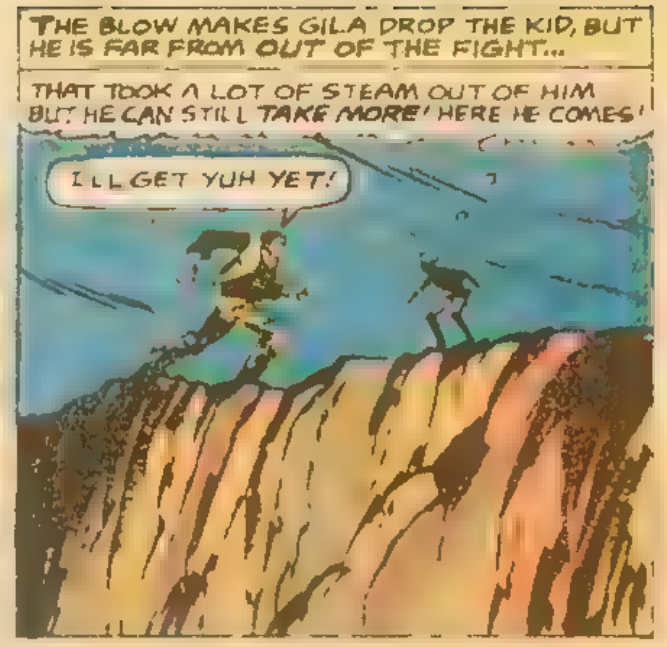
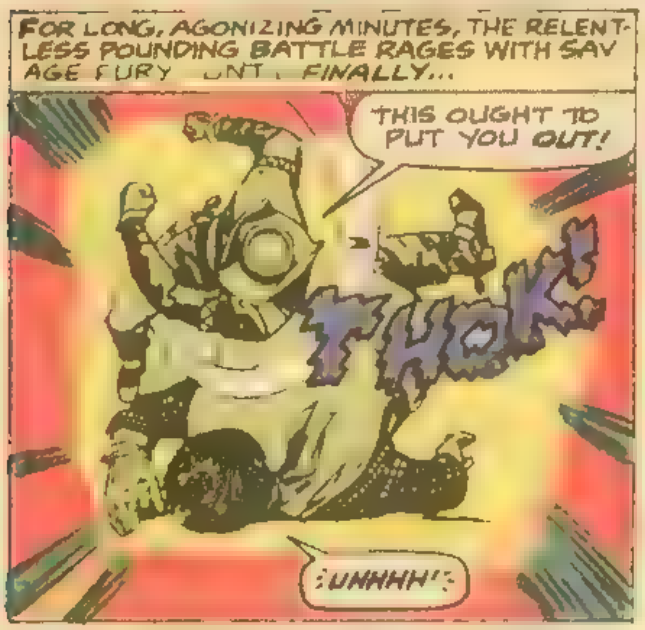
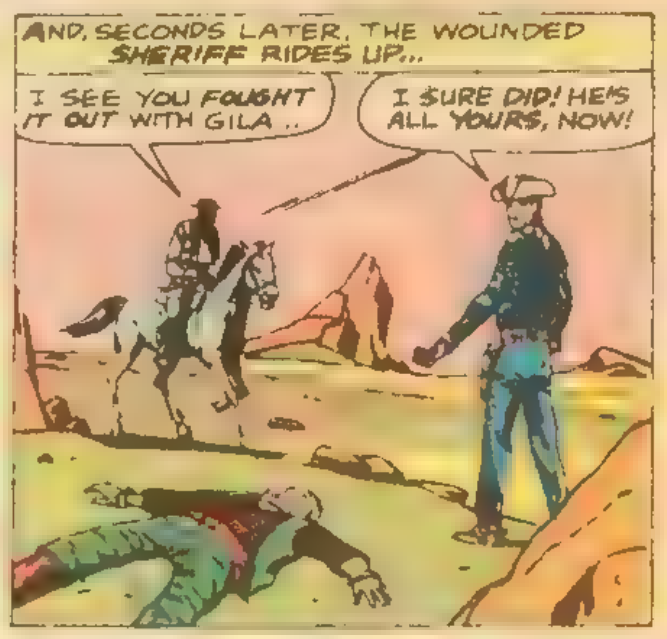
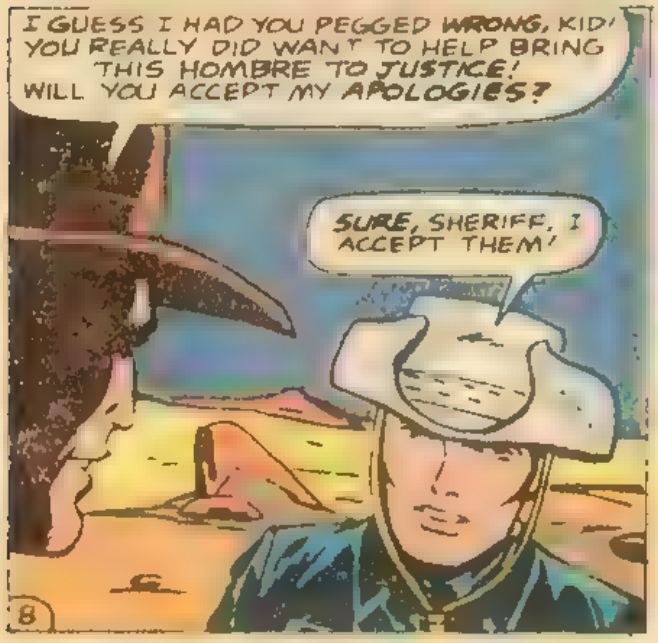

THE BLOW MAKES GILA DROP THE KID, BUT HE IS FAR FROM OUT OF THE FIGHT...
THAT TOOK A LOT OF STEAM OUT OF HIM BUT HE CAN STILL TAKE MORE! HERE HE COMES!
I'LL GET YUH YET!


FOR LONG, AGONIZING MINUTES, THE RELENTLESS POUNDING BATTLE RAGES WITH SAVAGE FURY UNTIL FINALLY...
THIS OUGHT TO PUT YOU OUT!
THOK!
UNHHH!


AND, SECONDS LATER, THE WOUNDED SHERIFF RIDES UP...
I SEE YOU FOUGHT IT OUT WITH GILA..
I SURE DID! HE'S ALL YOURS, NOW!


I GUESS I HAD YOU PEGGED WRONG, KID! YOU REALLY DID WANT TO HELP BRING THIS HOMBRE TO JUSTICE! WILL YOU ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES?
SURE, SHERIFF, I ACCEPT THEM!
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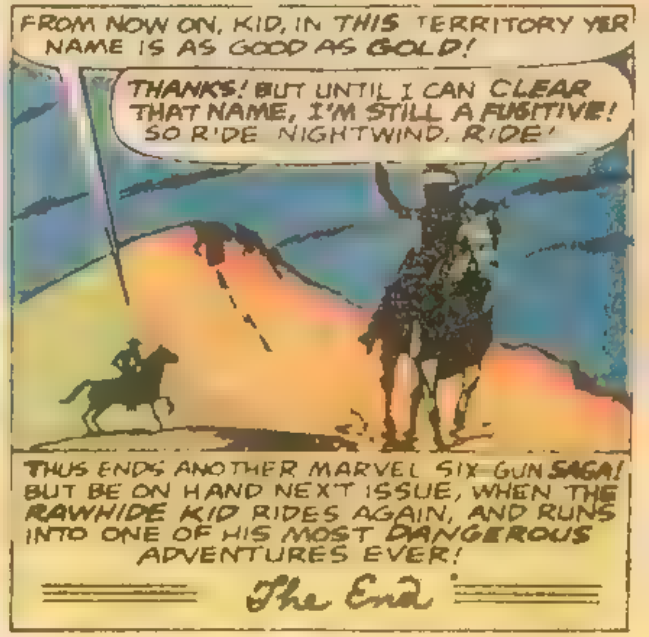
FROM NOW ON, KID, IN THIS TERRITORY YER NAME IS AS GOOD AS GOLD!
THANKS! BUT UNTIL I CAN CLEAR THAT NAME, I'M STILL A FUGITIVE! SO RIDE NIGHTWIND, RIDE!
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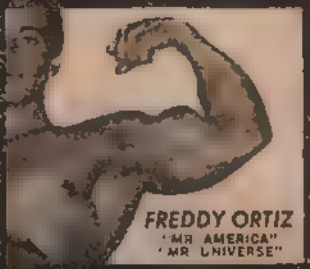

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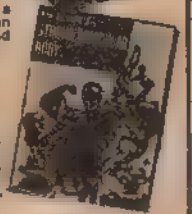

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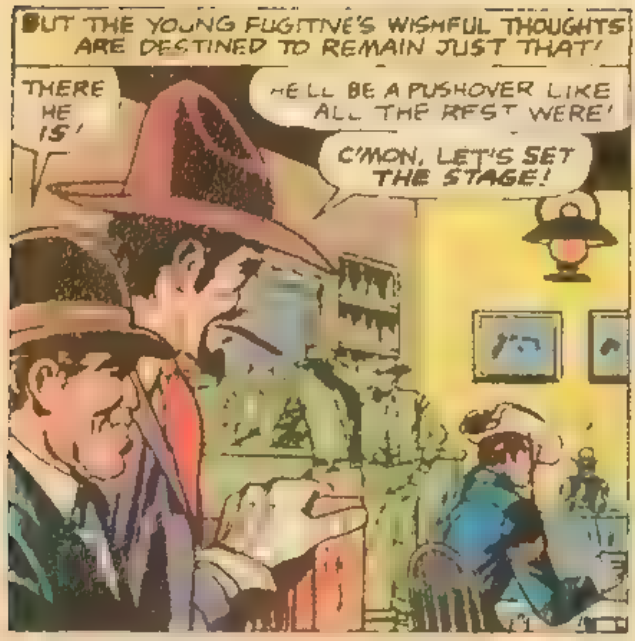
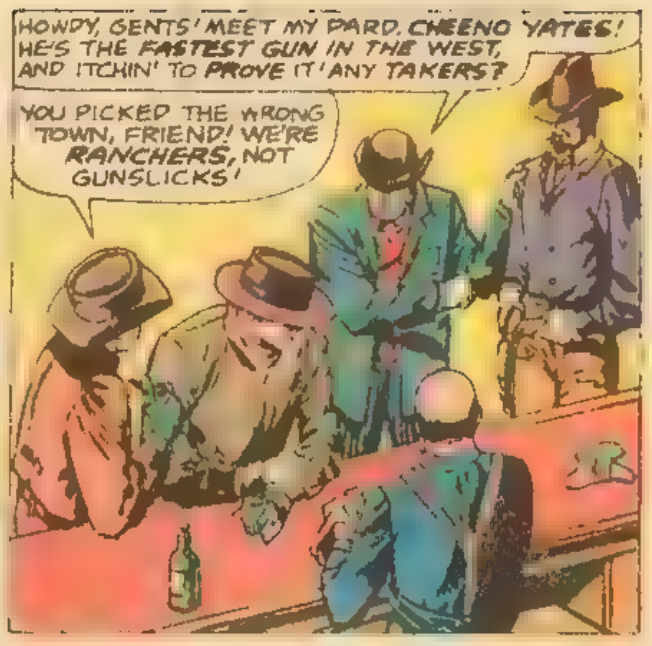

BUT THE YOUNG FUGITIVE'S WISHFUL THOUGHTS ARE DESTINED TO REMAIN JUST THAT!
THERE HE IS!
HE'LL BE A PUSHOVER LIKE ALL THE REST WERE!
C'MON, LET'S SET THE STAGE!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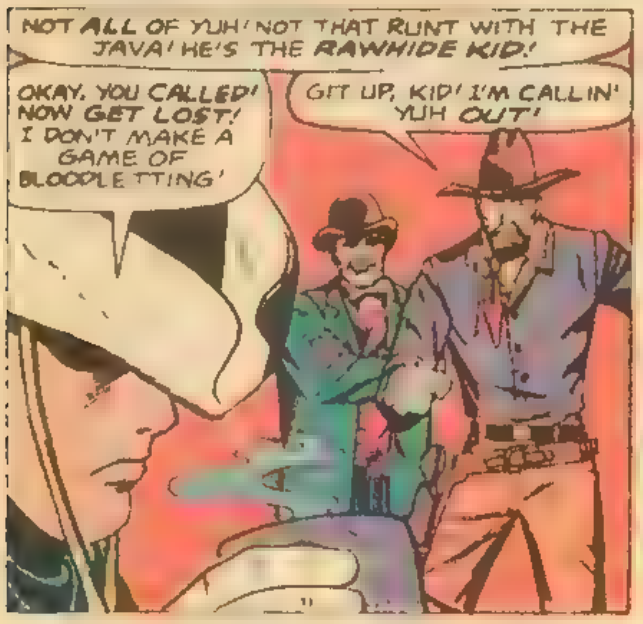
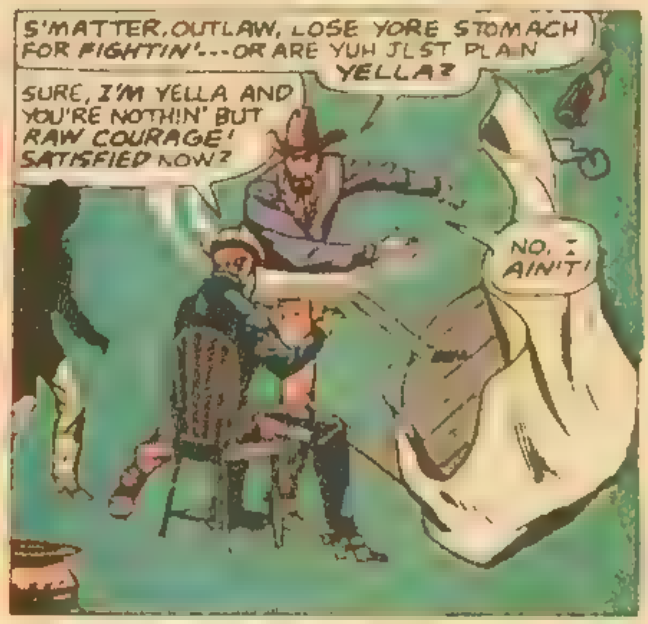

NOT ALL OF YUH! NOT THAT RUNT WITH THE JAVA! HE'S THE RAWHIDE KID!
OKAY, YOU CALLED! NOW GET LOST! I DON'T MAKE A GAME OF BLOODLETTING!
GIT UP, KID! I'M CALLIN' YUH OUT!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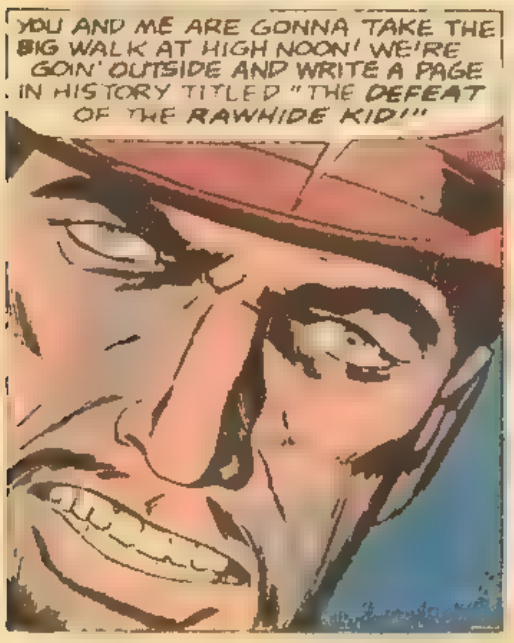
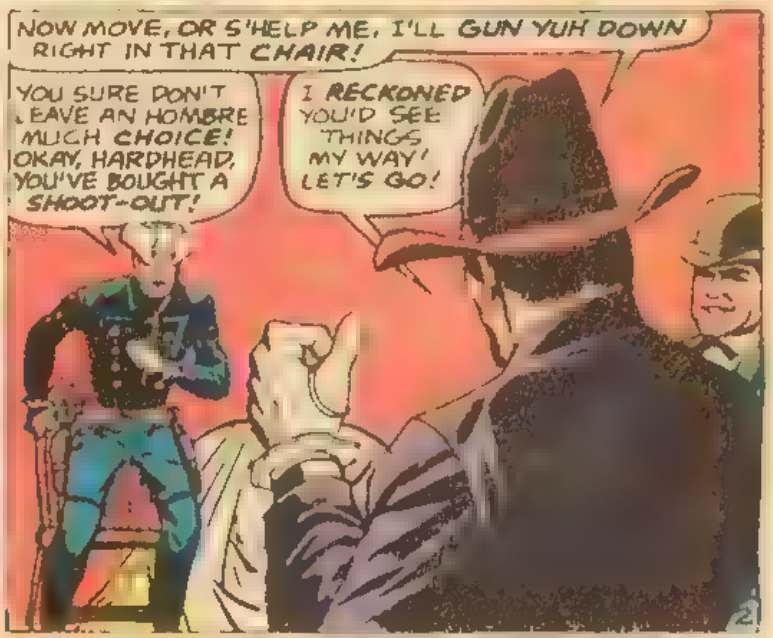
SURE, I'M YELLA AND YOU'RE NOTHIN' BUT RAW COURAGE! SATISFIED NOW?
NO, I AIN'T!


YOU AND ME ARE GONNA TAKE THE BIG WALK AT HIGH NOON! WE'RE GOIN' OUTSIDE AND WRITE A PAGE IN HISTORY TITLED "THE DEFEAT OF THE RAWHIDE KID!"


NOW MOVE, OR S'HELP ME, I'LL GUN YUH DOWN RIGHT IN THAT CHAIR!
YOU SURE DON'T LEAVE AN HOMBRE MUCH CHOICE! OKAY, HARDHEAD, YOU'VE BOUGHT A SHOOT-OUT!
I RECKONED YOU'D SEE THINGS MY WAY! LET'S GO!
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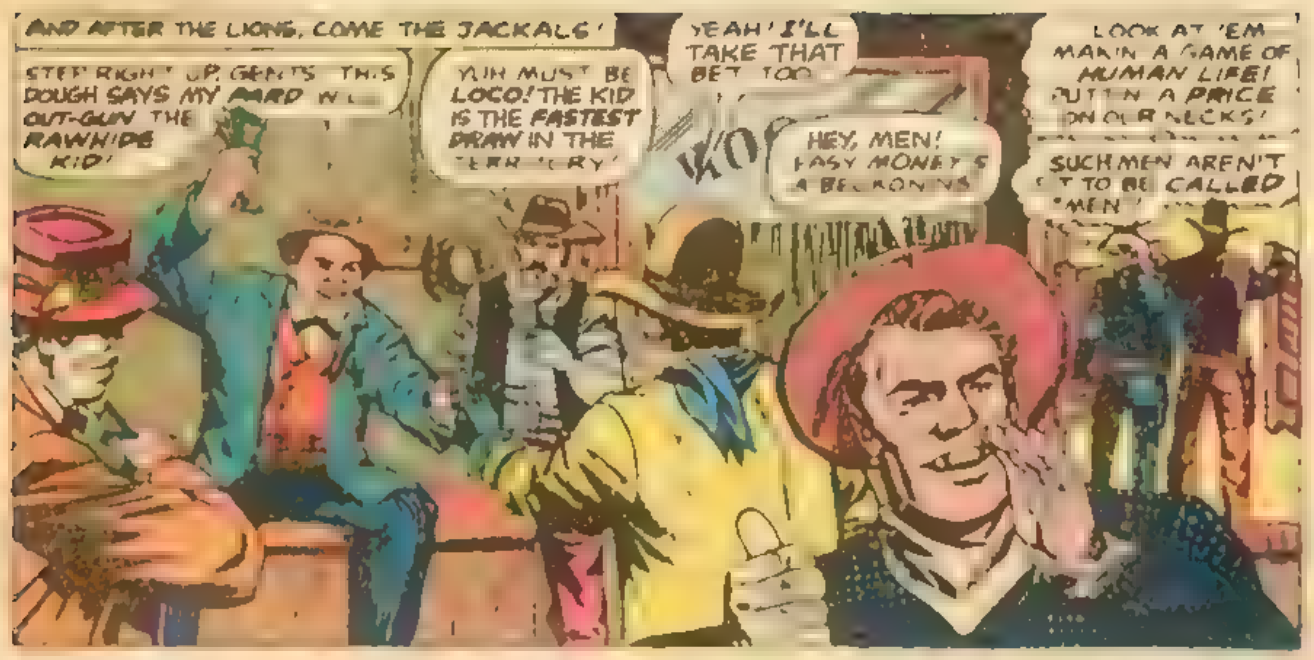
AND AFTER THE LIONS, COME THE JACKALS!
STEP RIGHT UP, GENTS! THIS DOUGH SAYS MY CARD IN OUT-GUN THE RAWHIDE KID!
YUH MUST BE LOCO! THE KID IS THE FASTEST DRAW IN THE TERRITORY!
YEAH! I'LL TAKE THAT BET TOO!
KO
HEY, MEN! EASY MONEY'S A BECKONING!
LOOK AT 'EM MAKIN A GAME OF HUMAN LIFE! PUTTIN A PRICE ON OUR NECKS!
SUCH MEN AREN'T FIT TO BE CALLED "MEN"!

IT WORKED AGAIN! THE GREEDY FOOLS COULDN'T RESIST PUTTING ALL THEIR DOUGH ON THE GUNFIGHTER WITH THE BIG REP!
BUT IT'S USELESS! NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE KID IS, HE WON'T WIN! I'LL SEE TO THAT!

AND, AS THE GRIM MOMENT OF RECKONING DRAWS NEAR...
THE KID IS SIZING YATES UP! IT WON'T BE LONG!
THIS IS THE EASIEST MONEY I EVER MADE!
ANY TIME YOU'RE READY, MISTER!

BUT BEFORE CHEEKO YATES SLAPS LEATHER, HE EYES HIS PARTNER STANDING UNOBTRUSIVELY AT THE REAR OF THE CROWD...
IT APPEARS LIKE JUST AN INNOCENT LOOKING POCKET WATCH...

BUT INSTEAD OF A WATCH, THE CASE CONCEALS A MAGNET--SMALL BUT POWERFUL WHEN TURNED ON
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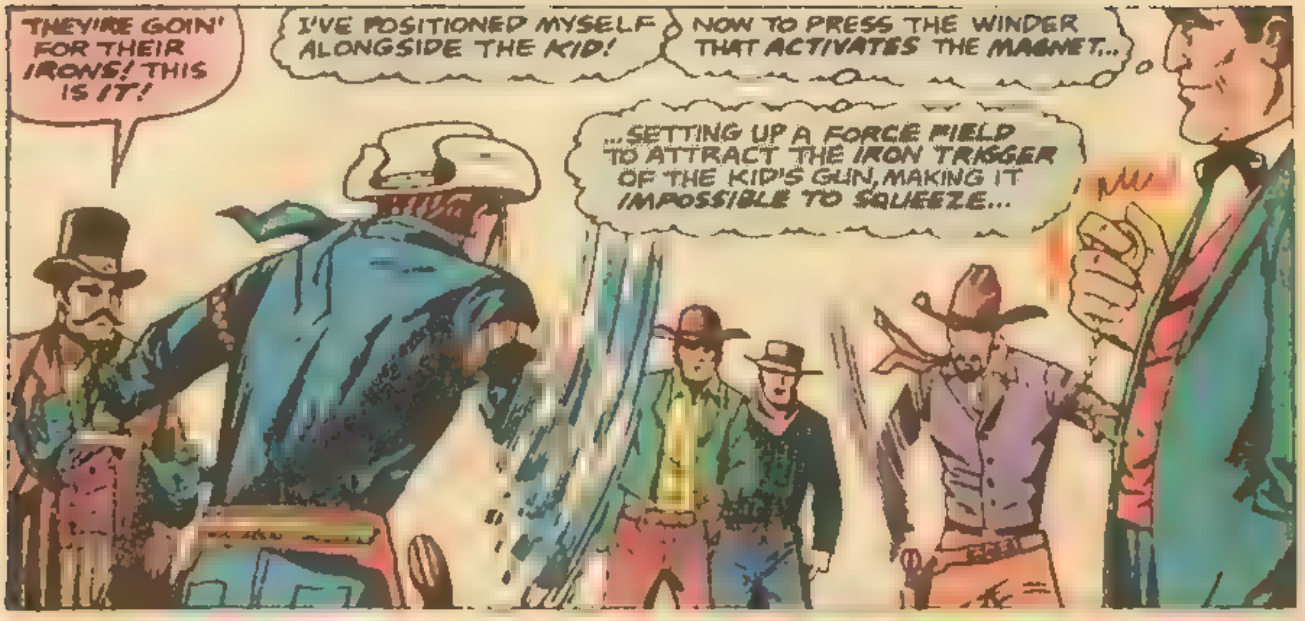
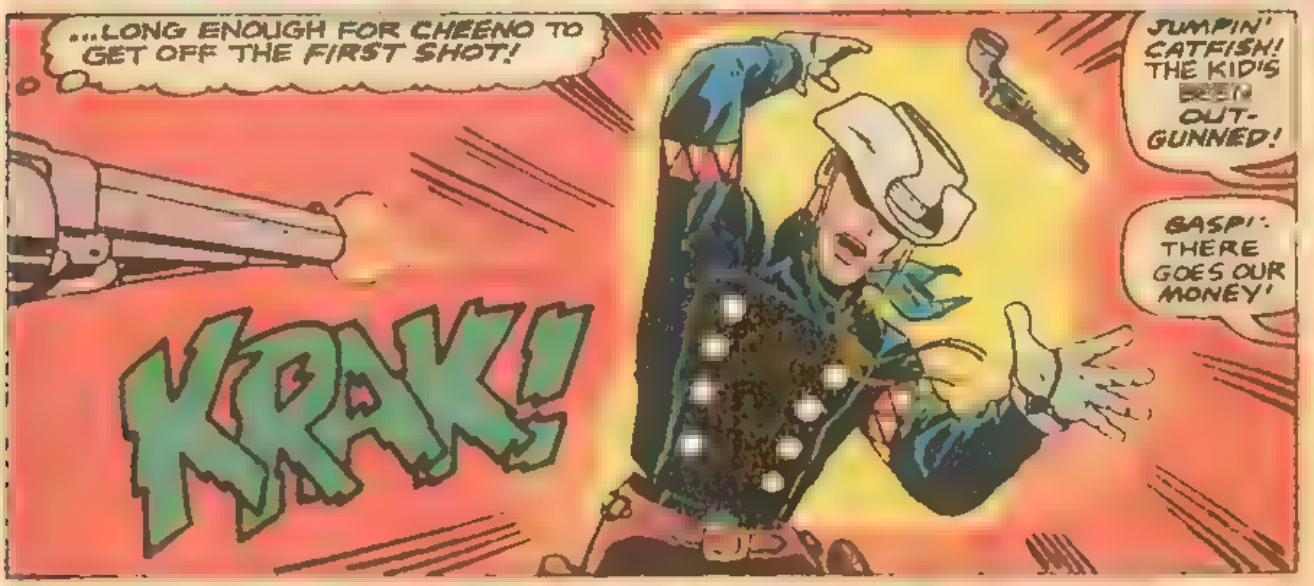
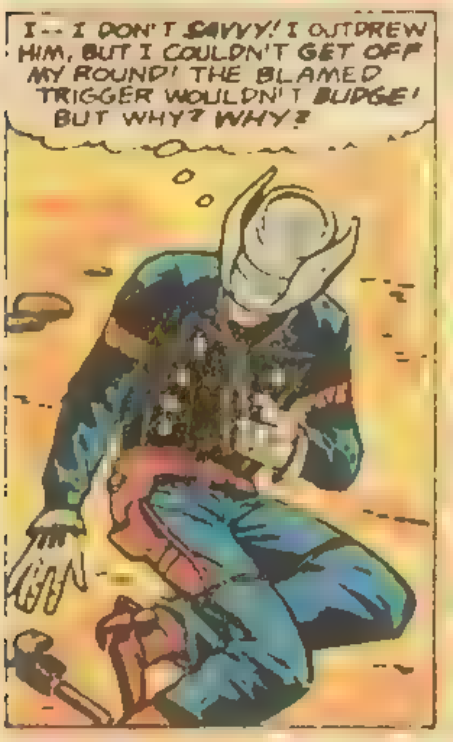
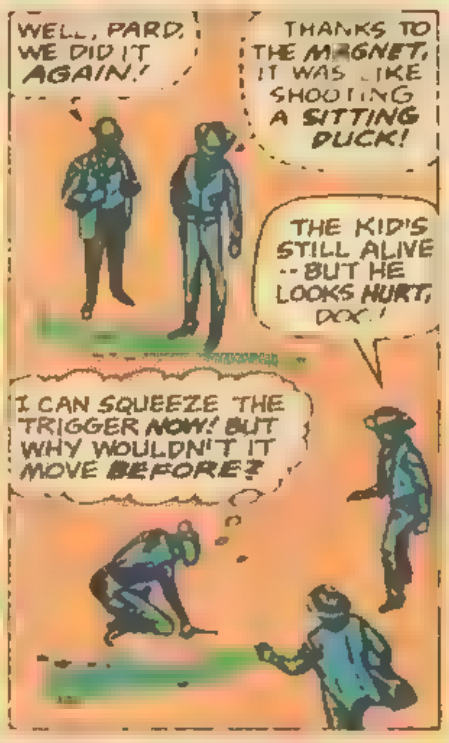
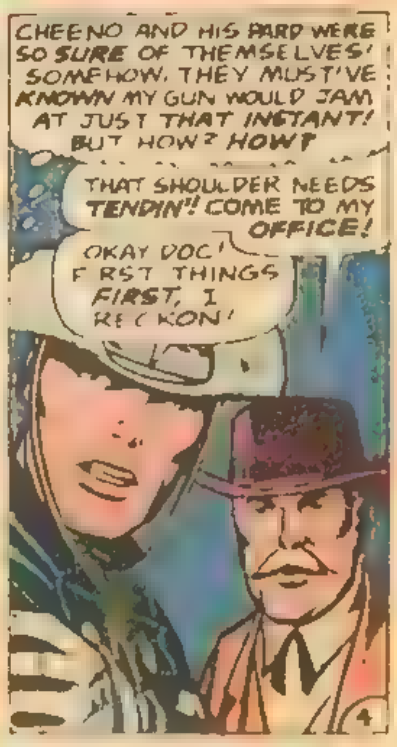

THEY'RE GOIN' FOR THEIR IRONS! THIS IS IT!
I'VE POSITIONED MYSELF ALONGSIDE THE KID!
NOW TO PRESS THE WINDER THAT ACTIVATES THE MAGNET...
...SETTING UP A FORCE FIELD TO ATTRACT THE IRON TRIGGER OF THE KID'S GUN, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SQUEEZE...


...LONG ENOUGH FOR CHEENO TO GET OFF THE FIRST SHOT!
KRAK!
JUMPIN' CATFISH! THE KID'S OUT-GUNNED!
GASP!: THERE GOES OUR MONEY!


I-- I DON'T SAVVY! I OUTDREW HIM, BUT I COULDN'T GET OFF MY ROUND! THE BLAMED TRIGGER WOULDN'T BUDGE! BUT WHY? WHY?


WELL, PARD, WE DID IT AGAIN!
THANKS TO THE MAGNET, IT WAS LIKE SHOOTING A SITTING DUCK!
THE KID'S STILL ALIVE -- BUT HE LOOKS HURT, DOC!
I CAN SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER NOW! BUT WHY WOULDN'T IT MOVE BEFORE?


CHEENO AND HIS PARD WERE SO SURE OF THEMSELVES! SOMEHOW, THEY MUST'VE KNOWN MY GUN WOULD JAM AT JUST THAT INSTANT! BUT HOW? HOW?
THAT SHOULDER NEEDS TENDIN'! COME TO MY OFFICE!
OKAY DOC! FIRST THINGS FIRST, I RECKON!

A SHORT WHILE LATER, A REVENGE-BENT ... D HITS THE TRAIL...
IT'LL BE SOME TIME BEFORE MY SHOULDER HEALS AND I CAN TAKE ON CHEENO
TILL THEN I'LL TAIL 'IM AND TRY TO LEARN HIS SECRET!
AND SOON, IN ANOTHER UNSUSPECTING TOWN
CHEENO YATES? NEVER HEERD OF 'IM!
I'LL BET HE AIN'T AS FAST A DRAW AS CLAY COOPER!
YEH, OUR BOY CLAY'S NEVER BEEN BEAT!
THAT SO? CARE TO BET, GENTS?
I WOULD!
ANY AMOUNT YUH SAY!
AND SO ANOTHER DEADLY MATCH IS ARRANGED BY THIS TYPE A PAIR OF KEEN SEARCHING EYES OBSERVE EVERY MOVE
WHY WOULD CHEENO BOTHER TO TAKE OUT HIS WATCH JUST AS THEY'RE ABOUT TO DRAW, I WONDER?
IS IT JUST A COINCIDENCE
OR IS THERE SOME CONNECTION?
AND AGAIN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS
CLAY CLEARED HIS HOLSTER FIRST, BUT DIDN'T FIRE!
HE MUSTA BEEN TOO PANICKY
HE LOST HIS NERVE AND ALL HIS MONEY!
KRAK!
IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, OTHER UNSUSPECTING GUN SLICKS IN OTHER TOWNS FALL BEFORE THE BLAZING IRON OF THE MAN WHO CAN'T LOSE!
BUT EACH RIGGED SHOOT OUT IS STUDIED CAREFULLY BY A YOUNG
UNTIL FINALLY
MY WOUND IS HEALED AND MY ARMS AS GOOD AS EVER!
NOW IT'S TIME TO SETTLE A SCORE!

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SORRY, HOMBRE, BUT YOU'LL HAF'TA WAIT! THIS VARMINT IS ALL MINE!
YUH MUST BE LOCO TO CALL ME OUT, AFTER THE WAY I OUTGUNNED YUH BEFORE!
I RECKON I'M JUST A GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT!
YEH, WELL THIS TIME YORE PUNISHMENT WILL BE FATAL! I LET YOU OUTTA A SHOOT-OUT TWICE
NUMBERED! 'CAUSE NOW YOU'LL BE FACIN' THE RAWHIDE
YOURSELF!
AND NOW I'LL JUST RELIEVE THIS
OKAY, BIG MAN, IT'S FUN AND GAMES
WRONG! YOU CAN AND YOU WILL! 'CAUSE
GET MOVIN' OR I'LL GUN YOU DOWN IN YOUR TRACKS!
THAT'S IT! WALK OUT THE DOOR! KEEP WALKIN'! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

AND, SHATTERING SECONDS LATER, CHEENO YATES GETS HIS FIRST TASTE OF DEFEAT...
KA-POW!
MUH GUN!
...A DEFEAT THAT HE HIMSELF HAS METED OUT SO OFTEN...
POW!
...THO NEVER IN SO CLASSIC A MANNER!
KA-POW!
THAT'S IT, FRIEND! THE SHOW'S OVER...UNLESS OF COURSE, YOU'RE ITCHIN' FOR ANOTHER ROUND!
NO. . NO MORE... PLEASE...I'M FINISHED! MUH GUNFIGHTIN' DAYS ARE ENDED!
GLAD TO HEAR IT! AND NOW I'LL JUST SEE WHAT YOUR SECRET WEAPON WAS!
SO THAT'S IT! A MAGNET! A HARMLESS GADGET PUT TO A SINISTER USE!
NO WONDER THAT YATES ALWAYS WON!
IF WE HAD BET AGAINST 'IM, WE'D HAVE LOST OUR SHIRTS!
THANKS, RAWHIDE! YUH DID US A REAL FAVOR BY EXPOSIN' THAT PHONY!
YEH! YUH SURE SAVED US A HEAP OF MONEY!
DON'T THANK ME! I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOU!
FOLKS WHO WOULD GAMBLE ON ANOTHER MAN'S LIFE, IN MY BOOK, ARE LOWER THAN SNAKES!
BUT THE TIMES ARE CHANGING! THE COUNTRY IS GETTIN' CIVILIZED! AND SOON THERE'LL BE NO PLACE FOR THOSE WHO BET ON FAST GUNS...
OR FOR THOSE WHO USE THEM!
THE END

RIDIN' THE TRAIL WITH

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When we did the first OUTLAW KID letters page earlier this month, we made mention of the fact that Robert A. Gillis otherwise known as The Gringo Kid, is Marvel's foremost Western fan. You've undoubtedly seen his missives all over the place lately, but just in case anyone wants to dispute his claim to being the premier Western enthusiast, we offer a sampling of his comments on several of our sagebrush titles, all received this month. . . .

Dear Larry:

So, we've finally made it to the 100th issue of THE RAWHIDE KID. So what! Is it really worth celebrating? Was #100 any more special than the last twenty issues?

Exhibit C: The cover. How can this compare to such great covers as #66, 67, 68, 72, 74 and 75? It really can't. Those covers said everything without the use of word balloons. They were ever so beautiful and now we are reduced to crudity like this. A little more time spent on the cover would give us a better judgment of the book.

Exhibit I: The inside art. Larry, you are an excellent layout man and know how to draw action effectively. But you have a weakness in your faces that an inker must take care of. George Roussos does not. Colletta and Tartaglione highlighted your fortes and covered up your weaknesses. Roussos does nothing.

Exhibit P: The plot. Excellent stroke. This is the type of story that Rawhide needs. This was the best plotted story since issue #69's "The Executioner." The use of his brothers from Issues #45 and #50 was one of the things the strip needed and that's continuity.

Exhibit D: Development. Frankie and Johnny Clay. What's that? Frankie and Johnny! The last panel shows them leaving together. Is this a forecast for things to come? I hope so. It seems that all of your western characters are loners except for the Ringo Kid. Two sharpshooters together, twice as many thrills and the change that the Kid needs.

The verdict? Was it so great that the Rawhide Kid made it to ish #100? Yes, if only to show that a western hero can maintain the standards set by the superhero group, to show that he can survive in an age of reprints, to show that the spirit of America still survives, to show that Larry can keep us entertained month after month.

The Gringo Kid, 18 Bayberry Road
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Dear Scoundrels:

For a while I was wondering where you got all those TWO-GUN KID stories to reprint. Now I've found you out. The first story in TGK #104, "Gunfight At Gila Rock," was identical to a story in TGK #43 (Aug. '58) except that in the original, Two-Gun had blond hair, no mask and no vest. You varmints re-inked and colored all the pics of the kid! Joe Maneely will never speak to you again. The casual buyer couldn't care less, but the dedicated fans of Western lore can't stand this. If you don't stop this practice I'll come down to 625 with muh irons blazin'. Surf's up!

The Gringo Kid

Sorry, Gringo, but since you wrote your angry expose, we already admitted as much in these pages. And you now know we've started a new policy on Two-Gun. So there, ranny!

Dear sirs (Irv too!):

Why don't you change the reprinting style of Kid Colt's magazine. I don't like the stories that are used now, so try something else.

It is totally beyond me how such a poor and simply drawn character as Kid Colt could've survived since 1949. Will someone please explain to me why people must like him.

Why don't you reprint the old GUNSMOKE WESTERN series? Issues #68 and #76 were some of the best. A wide collection of artists and characters might make the mag more appealing, and, of course, Kid Colt did appear in the first story of each issue. I think the original covers were quite good, but I definately wouldn't mind new John Severin covers.

Well, that's my small suggestion on Marvel Western reprints for today. There's always tomorrow. Adios amigos!

Robert A. Gillis, 18 Bayberry Road
Elmsford, New York 10523

We've answered this before, but it just seems to us that Jack Keller's art on KID COLT, far from being poor and simple, is actually a very crisp, clean style that tells a story directly and to the point. As anyone who has sat down to draw a comics story can testify, telling a story is essential. No matter how well you can do figures, horses, or whatever — if you can't make a page coherent, you're nowhere. The Kid has survived for over 20 years simply because of that, since Jack drew him for the majority of those years. He let nothing stand in the way of making KID COLT stories solid entertainment and that's what always came out.

So that's what the Gringo Kid thinks of our Western winners. What do you think about 'em? Remember, this letters page is for opinions on RAWHIDE, KID COLT, TWO GUN KID, RINGO KID, WESTERN GUNFIGHTERS, MIGHTY MARVEL WESTERN, and our newest hoss ridin' hero, WYATT EARP. So if you think he doesn't know what he's talking about, give him a run for his money right here in the pages of the RAWHIDE KID! Head 'em up and move 'em out, pardner!

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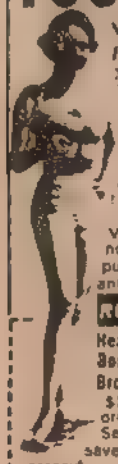

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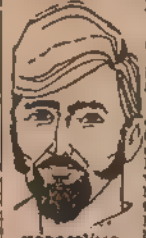

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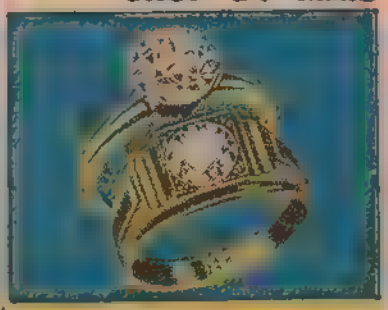

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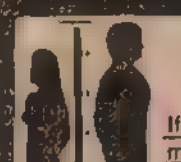

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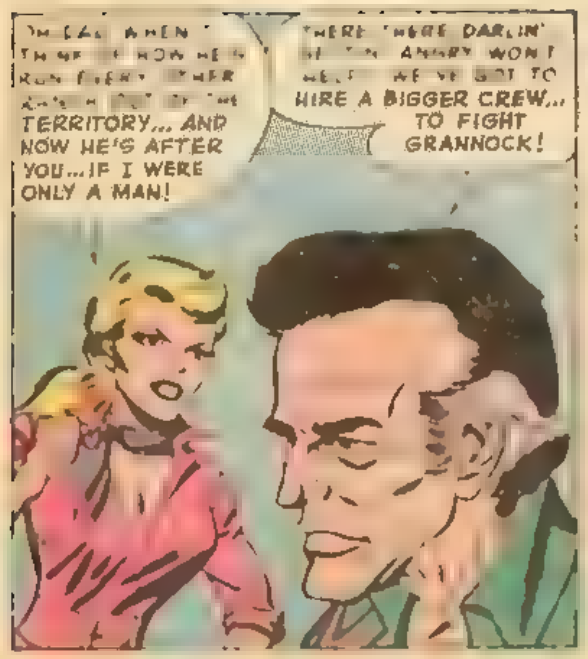
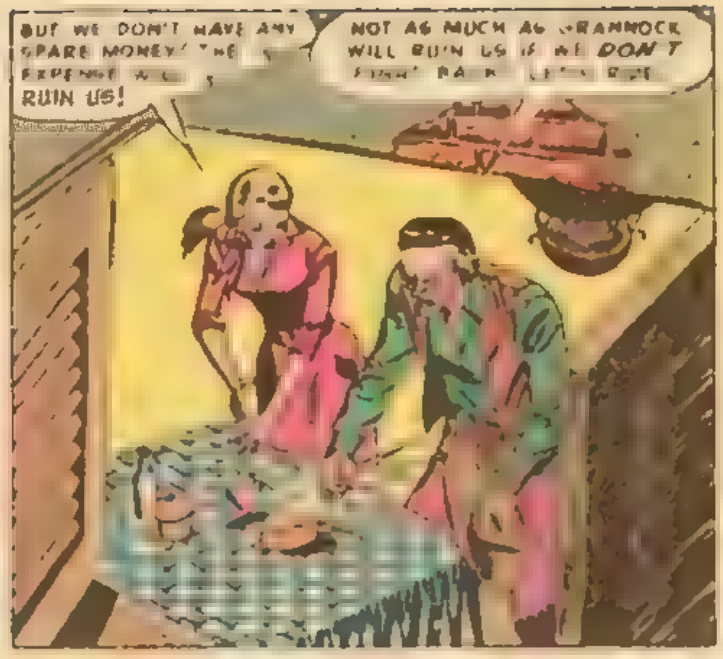
MILES TO THE SOUTH WAS THE NEXT RANCH THE WINGED W OWNED BY WARREN W[illegible]

WHAT'S WRONG, DAD? YOU LOOK WORRIED. HAS MR GRANNOCK BEEN THREATENING YOU AGAIN?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COME OVER HIM, NANCY. HE'S LIKE A WOLF COLD, MERCILESS! HE SAYS IF I DON'T SELL OUT TO HIM, HE'LL *BURN* ME OUT!


TERRITORY... AND NOW HE'S AFTER YOU...IF I WERE ONLY A MAN!
THERE THERE DARLIN' HIRE A BIGGER CREW... TO FIGHT GRANNOCK!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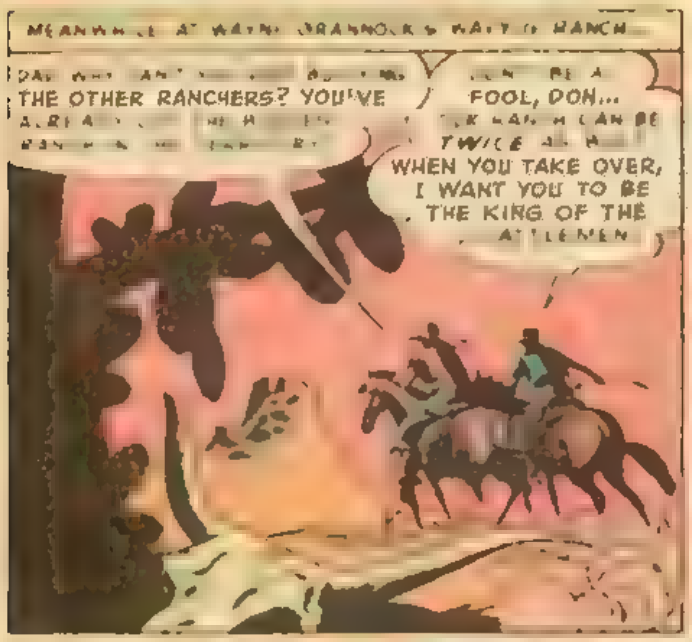
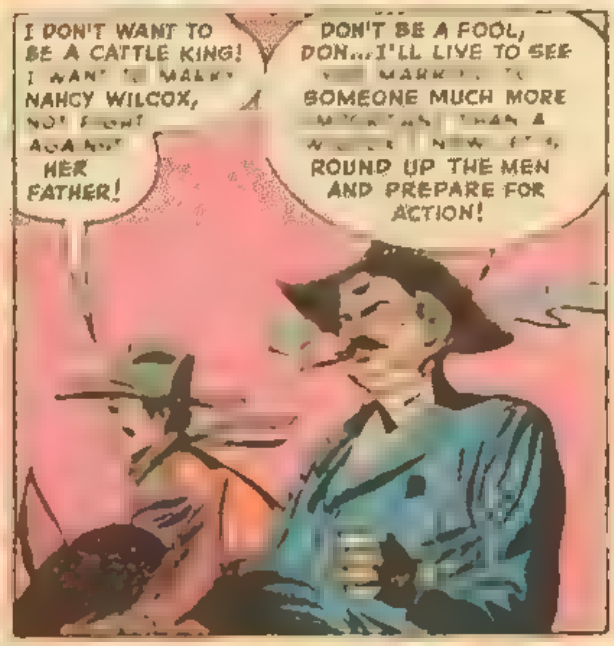
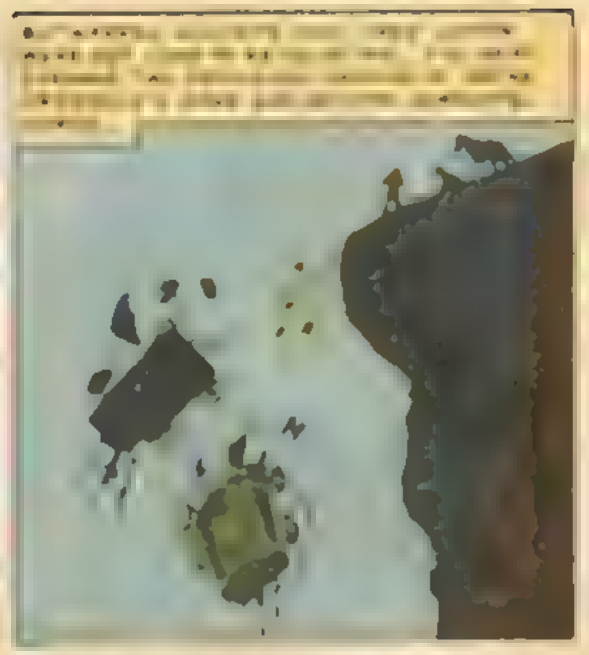
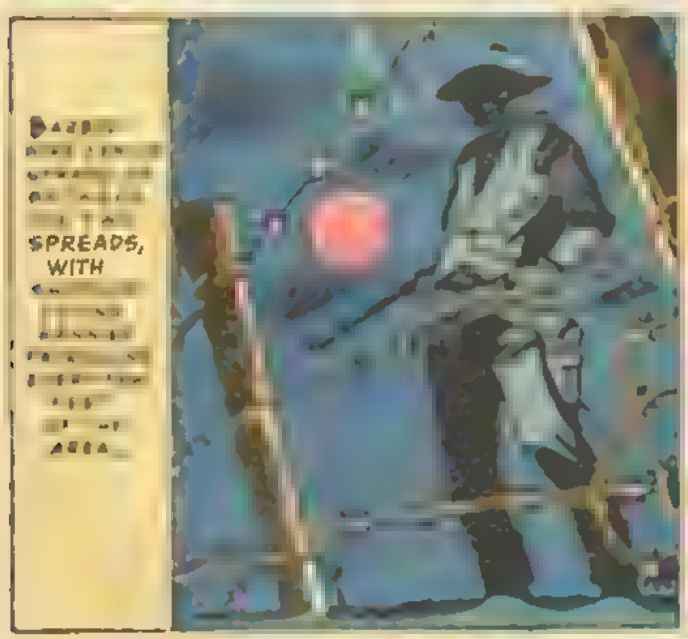
NOT AS MUCH AS GRANNOCK WILL RUIN US IF WE DON'T

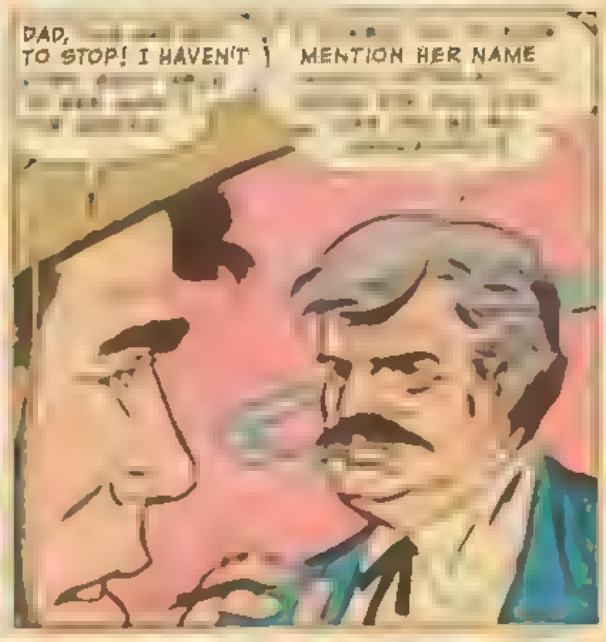

MEANWHILE AT WAYNE GRANNOCK'S HALF O RANCH
THE OTHER RANCHERS? YOU'VE
FOOL, DON... WHEN YOU TAKE OVER, I WANT YOU TO BE THE KING OF THE


I DON'T WANT TO BE A CATTLE KING! I WANT TO MARRY NANCY WILCOX, NOT FIGHT AGAINST HER FATHER!
DON'T BE A FOOL, DON...I'LL LIVE TO SEE SOMEONE MUCH MORE THAN A
ROUND UP THE MEN AND PREPARE FOR ACTION!

AND BEGAN THE
RANCH
RANGE WHERE ONCE HAPPY
COWBOYS AND
CATTLE HAD DWELT AND NO MAN'S HAND WAS EVER FAR FROM HIS WAITING TRIGGER.







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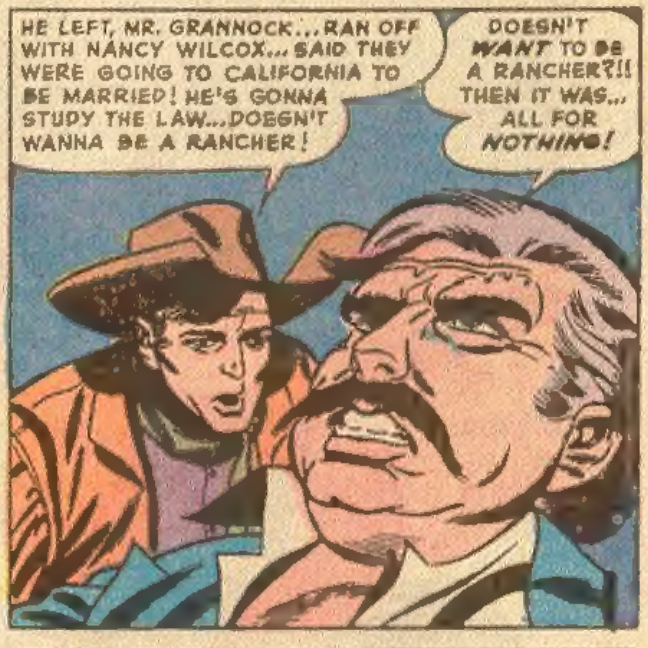
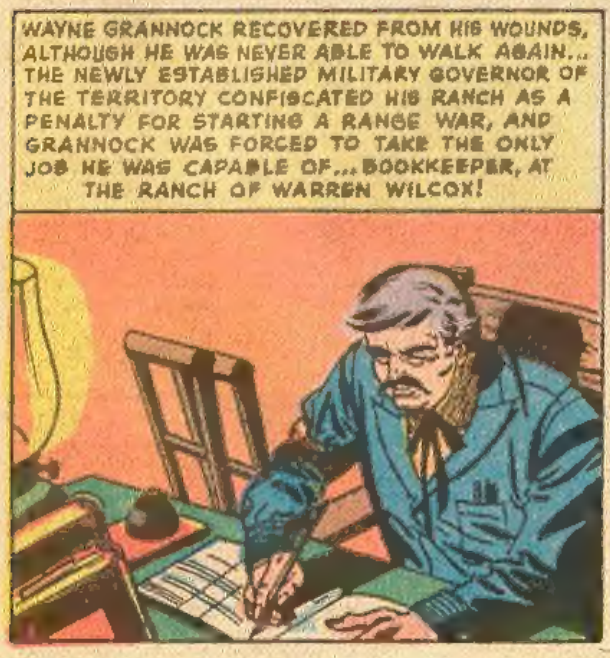
ROOM IN THE COUNTY
EXACTLY SEVEN MONTHS AFTER THE RANGE WAR HAD OFFICIALLY STARTED, THE LAST BATTLE TOOK PLACE... AS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF GRANNOCK'S MEN ATTACKED THE WINGED-W RANCH...
THAT'LL BE THE MOST STRONGLY GUARDED SPOT... IT'S SUICIDE! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM! DON..,STOP! STOP, BOY!

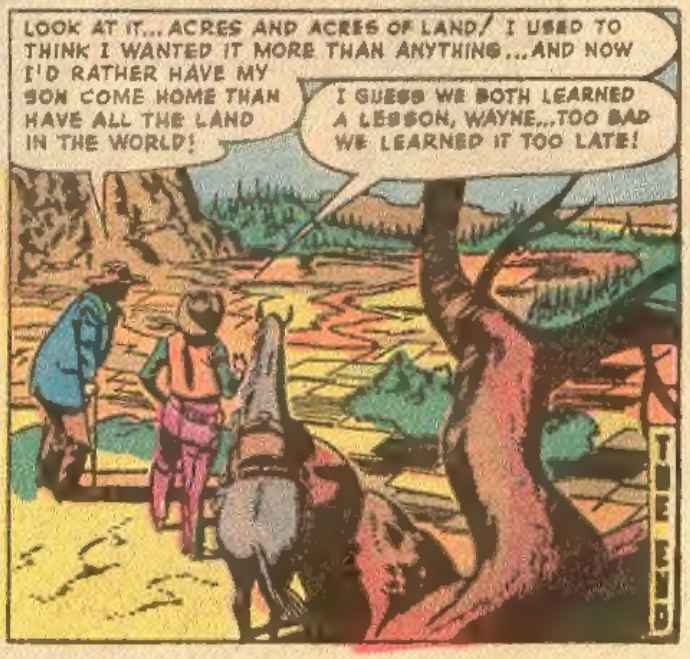
IN HIS EAGERNESS TO SAVE HIS SON, WAYNE GRANNOCK FORGOT HIS OWN SAFETY AND...

SEEING THEIR LEADER DOWNED, GRANNOCK'S MEN ENDED THE BATTLE AS SUDDENLY AS IT HAD BEGUN... AND THEN, A NEW VOICE WAS HEARD...
ALL YOU MEN DROP YOUR GUNS! THERE'S LAW AND ORDER IN THIS TERRITORY NOW... AND NO MAN IS BIG ENOUGH TO START A RANGE WAR!

DON... MY SON... WHERE IS HE?


HE LEFT, MR. GRANNOCK... RAN OFF WITH NANCY WILCOX... SAID THEY WERE GOING TO CALIFORNIA TO BE MARRIED! HE'S GONNA STUDY THE LAW... DOESN'T WANNA BE A RANCHER!
DOESN'T WANT TO BE A RANCHER?!! THEN IT WAS... ALL FOR NOTHING!


WAYNE GRANNOCK RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NEVER ABLE TO WALK AGAIN... THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY CONFISCATED HIS RANCH AS A PENALTY FOR STARTING A RANGE WAR, AND GRANNOCK WAS FORCED TO TAKE THE ONLY JOB HE WAS CAPABLE OF... BOOKKEEPER, AT THE RANCH OF WARREN WILCOX!


LOOK AT IT... ACRES AND ACRES OF LAND/ I USED TO THINK I WANTED IT MORE THAN ANYTHING... AND NOW I'D RATHER HAVE MY SON COME HOME THAN HAVE ALL THE LAND IN THE WORLD!
I GUESS WE BOTH LEARNED A LESSON, WAYNE... TOO BAD WE LEARNED IT TOO LATE!
THE END

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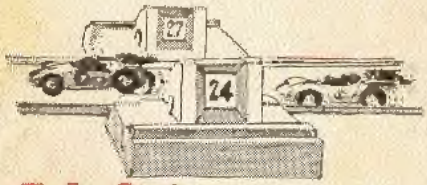

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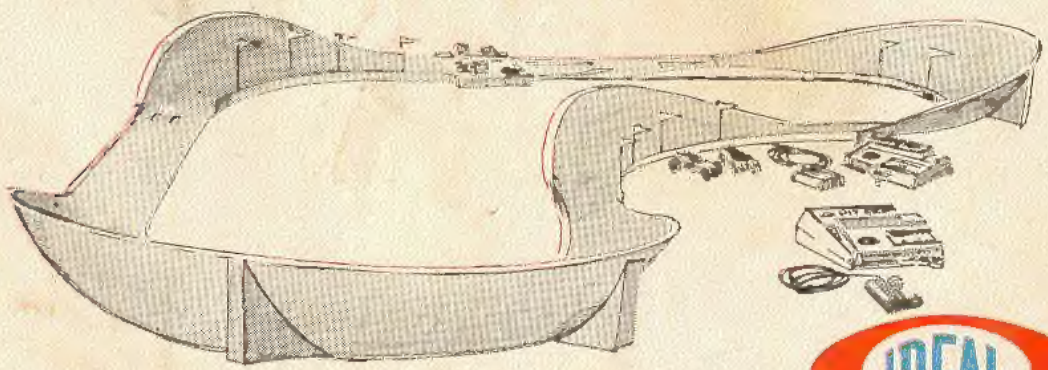

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